

# ***PRO BONO PRACTICE:*** **PRACTICING LAW FOR LOVE AND MONEY**

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**March 4, 2005**

**United States District Court, Judge James Lawrence King Building**

**Jury Assembly Room, 99 N.E. 4th Street, Miami, FL**

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## **AGENDA**

<b>8:15</b>	<b>Pre-Registration</b>	<b>1:20</b>	<b>Current Trends in Prisoner Civil Rights Litigation:</b> <b>John Boston (Director Prisoner Rights Project, Legal Aid Society of New York)</b> A primer for anyone involved in prisoner civil rights cases. The foremost expert in this area will deal with conditions of confinement litigation focusing on excessive force and deliberate indifference to serious medical needs cases, access to courts, confinement standards, the Prison Litigation Reform Act, and challenges to the act.
<b>8:50</b>	<b>Welcome and Introduction:</b> <b>Judge Jordan and Mag. Judge White</b>		
<b>9:10</b>	<b>How to Litigate a Civil Rights Case:</b> <b>Mike Masinter (Professor of Law, Nova Southeastern Univ.)</b> Basic overview: preliminary considerations, correct parties, ethical considerations, jurisdiction, elements of cause of action, pleadings, standards for liability absolute and qualified immunity, defenses, remedies, damages, declaratory and injunctive relief, appeals.	<b>2:20</b>	<b>Life of a Volunteer Lawyers Case:</b> <b>Tracy Nichols—Moderator (Holland &amp; Knight)</b> <b>Vance Salter (Hunton &amp; Williams), Ben Reid (Carlton Fields), Frank Zacherl (Shutts &amp; Bowen), Judge Edward Davis (Akerman Senterfitt), Patrick Maier and Bethell Forbes (Volunteer Lawyers' Project)</b> An overview of the intake, evaluation, and referral of a case by the Volunteer Lawyers Project followed by a discussion of how different law firms which have litigated these cases staff and handle them, their benefit to inexperienced attorneys, and their outcomes.
<b>11:10</b>	<b>BREAK</b>		
<b>11:20</b>	<b>Attorneys Fees and Ethical Considerations:</b> <b>Judge Ungaro-Benages and Randall C. Berg (Executive Director, Florida Justice Institute)</b> Review of procedure to apply for fees, recent change in Local Rules, recent decisions effecting fee awards, tips for practitioners, effect of PLRA on fees and ethical issues involving conflicts of interests and professionalism in fee litigation.	<b>3:20</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>11:50</b>	<b>LUNCH - Dining With the Judiciary:</b> <b>Judge Jordan (moderator) Judge Moreno, Judge Ungaro-Benages, Mag. Judge White, Judge Altonaga, Clarence Maddox</b> An ideal opportunity to get practice pointers from members of the judiciary on subjects such as the judiciary's approach to handling VLP cases, civil procedure, ethical considerations, revised Local Rules, and recent technological changes in electronic filing. Will also include an extensive question and answer period (Lunch will be provided for \$12, paid in advance).	<b>3:30</b>	<b>Police Misconduct:</b> <b>Barbara Heyer (Heyer &amp; Associates)</b> Basic overview: Actionable conduct, absolute and qualified immunity, individual, supervisory and local government liability, suits against federal officials and the United States Government, investigation and evaluation of the case, damages.
		<b>4:30</b>	<b>END</b>

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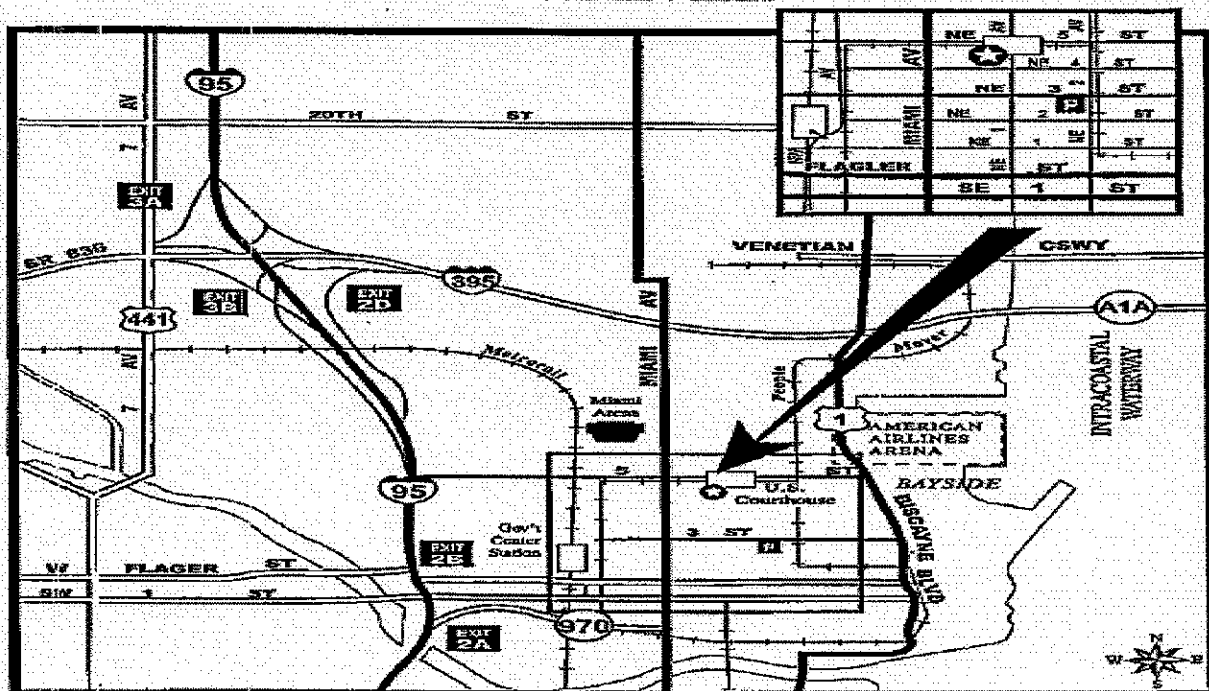
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